

1-12	Emergency Behavior Interventions	Part 1 of 2
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POLICY

Emergency behavior interventions may be necessary to prevent injury and property destruction. No unreasonable intrusive procedures are to be used during emergency situations.

PROCEDURES

1. Emergency behavioral interventions are Level II and III intrusive procedures used in emergency situations (see **Division** Policy 1-11, Behavioral Supports for information about specific behavioral intervention procedures).
2. Emergency situations are defined by one or more of the following:
 - A. Danger to others: physical violence toward others with sufficient force to cause bodily harm.
 - B. Danger to self: abuse of self with sufficient force to cause bodily harm.
 - C. Danger to property: physical abuse or destruction of property.
 - D. Threatened abuse: toward others, self, or property which with an evidence of past threats, result in any of the items listed in A-C.
3. Emergency behavioral interventions can be used as a response for an unanticipated emergency situation without a written plan or as specific behavioral intervention procedures outlined in the **Person's** behavior support plan. If the specific behavioral intervention procedures are not outlined in the **Person's** behavior support plan, they shall be limited to forms of restraint, forced relaxation, time-out, enforced compliance, and the application of mildly noxious stimuli.
4. Each use of an emergency behavioral intervention shall be documented by using **Division Form 1-8**. The documentation of each use of an emergency behavioral interventions shall include the behavioral intervention procedure used, the date, time, and duration of the procedure, the behavior which necessitated the procedure, and the staff involved.
5. When emergency behavioral interventions are used but not outlined in the **Person's** behavior support plan, the **Provider** staff shall:
 - A. give verbal and written report of the emergency behavioral interventions to the **Support Coordinator, Legal Representative** and **Provider** Administration per **Division** policy 1-8;
 - B. complete **Division Form 1-8** within 24 hours after the use of emergency behavioral interventions and forward for review to the **Provider's** site coordinator, supervisor, and the **Legal Representative**. The Provider staff shall answer items listed below in the "Describe the Event in Detail" section of **Division Form 1-8**:

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- i. a description of the incident
- ii. a description of the intervention used prior to the emergency behavioral intervention
- iii. a description of why the procedure was judged to be necessary.
- iv. an assessment of the likelihood the behavior will reoccur.

6. Following the review of the report, the **Support Coordinator** shall consult with the **Provider** and determine whether to convene the **Team** to assess the need to include emergency behavioral interventions procedure in the **Person's** behavior support plan or develop alternative plans to ensure the emergency behavioral interventions procedure will not be required in the future.
7. The **Human Rights Committee** shall review all uses of emergency behavioral interventions either through review of the **Person's** behavior support plan which contains Level II or III intrusive procedures or through a separate review of the **Division Form(s) 1-8**.
8. The **Division** sanctions the use of either the Professional Assault Response Training or the Mandt System for Managing Non-Aggressive and Aggressive People. Other crisis management procedures require **Division** approval prior to implementation. The use of non-sanctioned restraint procedures must be detailed in the **Person's** behavior support plan.